

*WHEREAS, Colorado continues to experience an unacceptably high dropout rate, inequalities in the academic achievement levels of students from different racial and socioeconomic groups, and low rates of enrollment and persistence in post-secondary education; and*

*WHEREAS, in order to address these issues the state must look for new strategies for improving public education; and*

*WHEREAS, studies show that when parents, families, and schools collaborate effectively, students achieve higher levels of academic performance, demonstrate better attendance and homework completion, and are less likely to drop out of school; and*

*WHEREAS, students from all cultural backgrounds tend to perform better academically when their parents, families, and the professionals at their schools bridge the gap between the culture at home and the classroom; and*

*WHEREAS, students benefit from active involvement by well-informed and engaged parents and families in their life and education; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado desires to increase graduation rates, academic achievement levels of all students, and raise rates of enrollment and persistence in secondary and post-secondary education;*

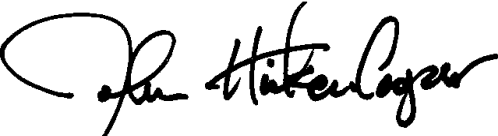
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October, 2013,*

***FAMILY AND SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION MONTH***

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this first day of  
October, 2013*

  
*John W. Hickenlooper*  
Governor